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AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT

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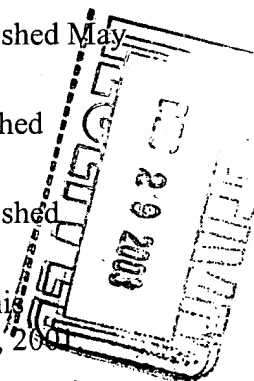
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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-134129 published May 22, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 8-249286 published September 27, 1996.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-213104 published August 6, 1999.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-90168. This reference was previously provided to the USPTO with an IDS dated July 6, 2001.

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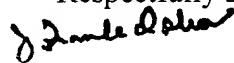
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- Claims 1 through 35
- Cited Literature 1 through 3
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Cited Literature 1 describes an electronic ticket issuing system (second mode of embodiment) whereby ticket reservations and purchasing is performed with a terminal device connected to an issuing center via telecommunication lines. The use of a conventional personal computer located in an individual's home as said terminal device is pointed out, and it is stated that the recording medium for storing ticket information is not limited to optical IC cards.

Furthermore, providing an electronic data confirmation terminal for confirming issued electronic ticket data at the time of use on the client side is well known for electronic ticketing systems (cf. Cited Literature 2 and 3).

Cited Literature 3 describes a verification device (IC card) equipped with a ticket storage unit that stores multiple types of electronic ticket information.

#### List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-134129
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-249286
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-213104

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